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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SAN FRANCISCO: Bay Area rents top U.S. charts/ Of the 10 counties with highest prices, 5 are located here – by Kelly Zito // Five of the 10 most expensive counties for renters in the country are in the Bay Area, according to a new study by a low-income-housing advocacy group.

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/12/14/BUGF0G7JV21.DTL>

LOS ANGELES TIMES: Measure of Acute Housing Needs Is Static //

WASHINGTON — More than 5 million low-income American households paid excessive rent or lived in substandard conditions in 2003, nearly unchanged from the mid-1990s, a government report indicated Tuesday.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-rents14dec14,1,6689191.story?coll=la-headlines-business>

UNION: Park owner makes pledge Waterhouse tells supervisors rent hike won't lead to evictions at Grass Valley Mobile Home Park- by Dave Moller //

Rent will not increase beyond \$50 a month next year at the Grass Valley Mobile Home Park, it's new owner told the Nevada County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

<http://tu.us.publicus.com/article/20051214/NEWS/112140075>

SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT: Tiny rentals for poor get OK/ Spaces must be between 150 and 400 square feet – by Mke McCoy // Santa Rosa's City Council cleared the way Tuesday for creation of what may be the most affordable rentals in town.

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051214/NEWS/512140395/1033/NEWS01>

SAN LUIS OBISPO TRIBUNE: Habitat for Humanity plan nixed/ Neighbors' concerns scuttle organization's plan to build a pair of low-income homes on the land where La Mesa Village Park now lies - by Cynthia Neff //

Concerns about the loss of a community park have derailed Habitat for Humanity's plans to build two low-income homes in Arroyo Grande.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/mld/sanluisobispo/news/local/13402906.htm>

Cost not stopping Atascadero low-income housing project \$700,000 loan will help complete Atascadero Senior Apartments, which saw its final cost jump \$1.1 million - by Stephen Curran // The Atascadero Senior Apartment project has received a \$700,000 boost to help it complete construction in the face of rising costs.

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/mld/sanluisobispo/news/local/13402907.htm>

BOND ISSUES

SACRAMENTO BEE: Infrastructure bond pitch begins/ Senators start in L.A. with campaign to fund public works. - by Laura McCoy // Traveling to this vote-rich region, state senators made their sales pitch Tuesday for the first of several expected bond proposals to relieve traffic congestion, provide affordable housing, improve flood protection and pay for other public works.

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/story/13977809p-14811674c.html>

LAND USE / PLANNING

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE COMMENTARY- JOHN KING: The St. Regis is an engaging, urbane success/ 480-foot tower is centerpiece of project at Third and Mission // From the water spilling across white marble blocks outside its entrance to the shimmering folds of glass at its peak, the new St. Regis tower is San Francisco's most ambitious high-rise in a generation.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/12/14/BAGSTG7H2B1.DTL>

CONTRA COSTA TIMES: Council cuts cost of sewer connection - by Bonita Brewer // The Livermore City Council this week substantially slashed sewer connection fees for new homes and businesses, thanks to last month's voter approval of a ballot measure allowing the city to participate in a Tri-Valley sewer pipeline expansion project.

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/13404215.htm>

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE: Eminent domain proposal dumped- by Tanya Sierra // NATIONAL CITY – After nearly two years of contentious debate over a plan to expand the city's eminent domain zone, the City Council scrapped the proposal last night.

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051214/news_6m14ncdomain.html

AUBURN JOURNAL: Placer urged to push for streetcars/ Advance planning helps public transit, expert tells supervisors - by: Gus Thomson // One of the nation's leading experts on streetcars encouraged Placer County supervisors Tuesday to lay the foundation for streetcar and light rail tracks in South Placer areas targeted for urban development.

http://www.auburnjournal.com/articles/2005/12/14/news/top_stories/03transit.txt

UKIAH DAILY JOURNAL: 201-unit housing project planned – by Seth Freedland // Just days before Ryder Homes withdrew its Hop Kiln Ranch housing project, Mendocino

County's planning officials accepted on Thursday yet another residential development proposal.

<http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/Stories/0,1413,91~3089~3166655,00.html>

MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL: New store, condominiums debated in Novato – by Mark Prado // Novato's Whole Foods project brought debate to the City Council, as it wrestled Tuesday night with aspects of the plan which many say would be a boon for downtown, but could also bring large volumes of traffic.

http://www.marinij.com/marin/ci_3308144

STOCKTON RECORD: Huge project seeks OK/ Development plans call for 6,800 homes – by Neil Gonzales // LATHROP -- A mammoth, 6,800-home development project on the west side of Interstate 5 is weaving its way through the city's planning red tape and on its way to construction.

<http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051214/NEWS01/512140332/1001>

MODESTO BEE: Care to Spare It?/ Valley air district imposes ban on burning of wood - By Michael G. Mooney // For the first time since November 2003 — when valleywide controls over wood-burning devices first were imposed — people in Stanislaus, Merced and San Joaquin counties have been ordered not to burn wood in their stoves or fireplaces.

<http://www.modbee.com/local/story/11589614p-12321922c.html>

HOMELESSNESS

LOS ANGELES TIMES: Cities Rethinking Aid for Homeless/ As Los Angeles looks to solve its problem, an aggressive new effort to get people off the streets in Santa Monica could provide a blueprint. - by Martha Groves // William Gresham has spent several years in prison and even more years on Santa Monica's streets, drinking abundantly and getting into trouble with the law.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-smhomeless14dec14,1,1553478.story?coll=la-headlines-california>

ECONOMY / EMPLOYMENT

LOS ANGELES TIMES EDITORIAL: Beneath L.A.'s economy //

Like the city itself, the economy of Los Angeles is marked by informality. And it's getting more casual. The number of recorded workers in legitimate businesses in Los Angeles is lower now than in 1990. More people are working, but not in the formal economy.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/editorials/la-ed-econstudy14dec14,0,3419713.story?coll=la-news-comment-editorials>

REDEVELOPMENT / INFILL

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE: Council vote clears way for west side rebuilding / General plan update OK'd in Chula Vista - by Shannon McMahon // The City Council late last night unanimously passed a general plan for city development that paves the way for re-zoning in the east and redevelopment in the west.

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051214/news_6m14genplan.html

GOVERNMENT SITES:

California Dept. of Finance – Governor's Budget

http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development - Press Releases
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – Housing Policy Development Bibliographies
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/biblio.html>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – HCD Web News
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/news/clips.html>

Today's Focus at HUD <HTTP://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html>

The United States General Accounting Office-GAO Reports
<http://www.gao.gov/audit.htm>

Federal Register, Today's Table of Contents
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html

Federal Register, Year 2005 Recent Table of Contents
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html

U.S. Census Bureau – News Releases
<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/>

U.S. Census 2000 <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/2khome.htm>

California Supreme Court Decisions /

California Courts of Appeal Decisions (last 100 days are posted in full text)
<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions/>

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